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SUBJECT: DRAFT CONVENTION ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR
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1. IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED PARA 4

REFTEL, MISSION HAS SCHEDULED MEETING MARCH 12

WITH REPS OF UK, FRANCE, USSR, FRG, JAPAN AND

CANADA AND HAS PROVIDED THEM IN ADVANCE WITH

COPIES OF DRAFT CONVENTION AND TALKING POINTS.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO INEVITABLE QUESTIONS FROM THESE REPS WITH REGARD TO FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES, RELATION TO LONDON GUIDELINES, RELATION TO AGENCY'S PLANS, ETC. MISSION PLANS TO STATE THAT DRAFT IS BEING PUT FORWARD IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE AN EFFORT U.S. HAS INITIATED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. RELATED GUIDELINES HAVE ALSO BEEN ENDORSED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS AT LONDON. DRAFT IS MEANT TO BE ILLUSTRATIVE OF WHAT THE FINAL PRO- DUCT MIGHT CONTAIN AND WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS THEIR GOVERNMENTS MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ON IT, THOUGH IN THE INTERESTS OF TIME A PROMPT REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. OUR APPROACH IS NOT INTENDED TO CONFLICT WITH AGENCY'S PRESENT WORK, WHICH AT PRESENT TIME IS FOCUSED CHIEFLY ON UPDATING OF INFCIRC/225, THOUGH LATER STAGES OF ITS PRO- POSED PLAN OF ACTION MIGHT BE AFFECTED. WE WOULD CONTEMPLATE AGENCY BEING BROUGHT INTO THE PICTURE WHEN SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED ON GENERAL OBJECTIVES.

3. WITH REGARD TO FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION, OUR INTENTION IS FIRST TO OBTAIN VIEW OF PRESENT SUBSCRIBERS TO LONDON GUIDELINES AND THEN TO EXPAND CONSULTATIONS TO OTHERS, PRESUMABLY TO ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIBERS TO GUIDELINES AS WELL AS TO ORIGINAL CO-SPONSORS OF RESOLUTION GC(XIX)/RES/328. CONSENSUS ON GENERAL OBJECTIVES THUS ACHIEVED WOULD BE HELPFUL TO EXPEDITIOUS WORK BOTH BY PREPARATORY COMMISSION AND BY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CONSIDERING A DRAFT CONVENTION.

4. IT SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT THE U.S. HAS PUBLICLY DECLARED SEVERAL TIMES THAT IT WAS WORKING WITH THE IAEA IN PREPARATION OF A DRAFT CONVENTION AND THAT MISSION HAS ASSURED AGENCY IT WOULD KEEP IT INFORMED ON U.S. PLANS. BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL TO KEEP AGENCY INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF OUR CONSULTATIONS AND OF ROLE WHICH AGENCY COULD PERFORM ONCE A CONSENSUS ON CONFIDENTIAL

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